

REMARKS

Applicant elects with traverse to have the claims drawn to a video encoder examined on the merits. However, it is noted that the Examiner has apparently not considered the Preliminary Amendment filed with the original application papers. A Post Card receipt showing the Preliminary Amendment and a copy is submitted herewith. In that Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner did not act upon newly submitted claim 13 which was drawn to "a multimedia system including a video codec according to claim 7" and claim 14 which was drawn to "a portable electronic device incorporating a video decoder according to claim 11".

It is understood pursuant to the Restriction Requirement that newly submitted claim 13 would have been included in with the claims of Group I.

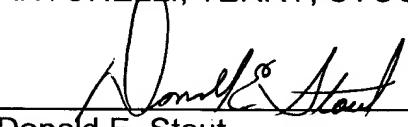
Applicant has submitted a linking claim drawn to a system comprised of a video coder according to claim 6 and a video decoder according to claim 11. It is requested that the Examiner reconsider the Restriction Requirement in view of newly submitted linking claim 15 which links the claims of Groups I and II to a single invention.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the

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